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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.